



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

TCCY Conference Room  
Andrew Johnson Tower, Ninth Floor  
Thursday, July 12, 2007  
4:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Committee Members Present

Cindy Durham, Chair  
Susan Lawless-Glassman, Secretary  
Dennis Clark, Youth Representative  
Beverly Cosley  
Tim Goldsmith  
Jerry Maness  
Joetta Yarbro

Committee Members Absent

Trudy Hughes, Vice Chair  
Jim Ford  
Diane Neighbors  
Sue Pilson

Commission Member Present

Dwight Stokes

Staff Present

Linda O'Neal  
Pam Brown  
Richard Kennedy  
Faye Mangrum  
Debrah Stafford  
Pat Wade

Chair Durham called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. Approval of May Minutes

**MOTION: IT WAS MOVED (COSLEY) AND SECONDED (LAWLESS-GLASSMAN) TO APPROVE THE MAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

## II. TCCY Sunset Hearing Update – Linda O’Neal

Several Commission members attended TCCY’s Sunset Hearing. The hearing went fine but it was frustrating that TCCY seems to get punished for things over which it has no control and for things not being better even though TCCY is the main group advocating to make them better. Two of the six findings have already been solved. TCCY has no control of the finding around juvenile court data but will work on documentation and/or analysis of the other three findings (two on grant review process and one on DMC). Six years extension was discussed but three years was received.

Cosley commented that O’Neal did a phenomenal job answering questions and providing information. She was very professional, her facts and figures were in order and the overview she gave was educational. Stafford also did a good job responding to questions raised.

## III. Review of Committee Reports/Action Items

### A. Budget and Data Committee – Susan Lawless-Glassman, Reporting for Jim Ford, Chair

Committee met and has three action items.

Brown gave updates on TCCY media coverage, *The Advocate* and web stats. For Fiscal Year 2006-07, TCCY’s web site had almost 2 million hits.

KIDS COUNT: The State of the Child has been released and distributed.

The National KIDS COUNT Data Book will be released July 25, 2007.

O’Neal and Maureen Abbey gave budget update. Abbey has done a good job working for Commission but will no longer be working with us. Carol White and Allen Staley with Shared Services will provide our fiscal services.

- 1. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE TCCY BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GOVERNOR’S BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 AND THE COVER LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR.**
- 2. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE NEW CASA FUNDING 2007-2008 GUIDELINES.**
- 3. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE TCCY BUDGET IMPROVEMENT REQUESTS FISCAL YEAR 2009-2009.**

B. Children's Services Committee – Tim Goldsmith, Chair

Committee met and has no action item.

Committee heard the Ombudsman report and talked about how highly regarded they were in the Sunset hearing.

Petty gave update on new legislation impacting the Department of Children's Services (DCS).

Wade gave updates in CPORT and CPORT/DCS collaboration. Exciting things are happening as CPORT helps to guide the DCS Quality Service Review (QSR) process.

The Child Protection Services/Multiple Response System (CPS/MRS) has rolled out three pilot projects. Four additional pilots were expected to begin in July or August but the decision was made to wait. Target goal is to have MRS statewide by 2010.

C. Councils Committee – Joetta Yarbrow, Chair

Committee met and has one action item.

**1. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND THE COMMISSION JOIN AND SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN TO RESCUE AND RESTORE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

Regional coordinators want to take this campaign into their regions for local support.

Kathy Daniels gave reports on activities in the Upper Cumberland and Southeast regions. She has conducted the Town Hall meeting in Cookeville and is planning a Town Hall meeting in Chattanooga. She is still in the transition period of transferring to the Southeast Regional Coordinator position. She expressed appreciation to the Commission, O'Neal and Kennedy for allowing her some flexibility in this move. Register to fill the vacant Upper Cumberland Council Regional Coordinator position is open and will be pulled in a couple of weeks to fill the position.

Two Town Hall meetings have been held since the May Commission meeting (East Tennessee and Memphis). Commission Member Trudy Hughes was involved in the East Tennessee meeting. Commission Members Goldsmith and Maness, several legislators, O'Neal, Kennedy and Brown attended the Memphis meeting.

Committee heard reports from the regional coordinators not presenting to the full Commission.

D. Juvenile Justice/Minority Issues Committee – Beverly Cosley, Chair

Committee met and has no action item.

Committee talked about Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) and the DMC Task Force staying on task and continuing to stay focused on issues related to its areas of service. New directions to tackle the ongoing DMC efforts are being framed. The importance of DMC and the fact that it takes time for things to happen and ideas to catch on was discussed.

Committee talked about/applauded McKenzie/other staff on the great job they are doing keeping the Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO) violations down. Violations have gone from 700 to 97.

King gave an update on the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) conference. Chair Durham, Commission Member Crowley, O'Neal, Stafford and King attended. King did a good job facilitating the DMC Coordinators' meeting.

Federal funding for Fiscal Year 2008 was decreased to \$254 million – a 25 percent decrease from \$338.7 million in Fiscal Year 2007. We need to talk to our Congressmen about trying to restore the specific funding amounts higher than the original amounts recommended. The article on Multnomah County provided by Commission Member Lewis to distribute to the full Commission shows how a decrease in funding does have a very bad effect on programs that have been started and need to be continued.

Committee talked about the DMC Pilot Project and how it can help with DMC issues.

Stafford gave an update on equipment for juvenile courts. All juvenile courts will receive funds from the residual state and federal funds to purchase software, computers and printers. We are in the process of purchasing computer equipment and software for approximately 60 juvenile courts as approved by the Commission at its May 2007 meeting. The remaining 38 juvenile courts should receive the same equipment by the end of this calendar year. List of Software and Printers for Juvenile Courts June 2007 was distributed via e-mail.

O'Neal gave an overview of the Casey Foundation's FrameWorks training, "Framing Children and Race in America: What do we need to know about framing in order to build effective advocacy efforts for children that cross the boundaries of race and class?" she attended in Memphis. Cosley encouraged Commission members to take advantage of any available FrameWorks training.

#### E. Grant Review Committee – Jerry Maness, Chair

Maness thanked Clark, Ford, Lawless-Glassman and Yarbrow for attending the Committee meeting and Hughes for reviewing the applications and sending her scores.

Committee met, reviewed applications and approved a total award of \$835,048 including;

- \$60,000 to the Administrative Office of the Courts;

- \$60,000 for the Youth Courts;
- \$100,000 for DMC Pilot Project;
- \$305,048 for 13 continuation grants;
- \$310,000 for eight new grants (eight delinquency prevention and two alternatives to detention).

Grants awarded are spread across the state. Maness noted the composite scores on each of the grants except a couple were within 2-3 points.

**RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND THE COMMISSION APPROVE TWENTY-ONE FEDERAL FORMULA GRANTS (THIRTEEN CONTINUATION TOTALING \$425,048 AND EIGHT NEW TOTALING \$310,000) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$735,048 AND ONE DMC PILOT PROJECT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 TOTALING \$835,048.**

IV. Other Business

None.

Committee meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by:

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Faye Mangrum  
Executive Secretary 2

Minutes Approved by:

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Cindy Durham  
TCCY Chair